

Dates for the Diary

Wed 21 March
Harmony Day

Thur 22 March
Orienteering
Reading Workshop
P&C Meeting

Fri 23 March
National Ride2School Day

Tue 27 March
Belconnen Swimming Carnival

Wed 28 March
Assembly

Fri 30 March
Good Friday — Public Holiday

Mon 2 April
Easter Monday — Public Holiday

Reminders

*Book Club orders for Issue 2
will close on
Friday, 23 March.*



From our Principal

Dear Families and Friends,

How lovely it was to meet so many friendly bears at school last Tuesday afternoon! I thank the families who joined us for the Early Years Teddy Bears' Picnic, and our education team and Parents and Citizens Association for arranging an event to support connections. We are very proud of Macquarie's culture of working with families as partners in education. We thank you all for making time to help us know your child through emails, phone calls, interviews, school visits and taking part in community events. Knowledge of students and their lives beyond the school day supports us in developing learning programs that are relevant and engaging.

HARMONY DAY CELEBRATIONS

This Wednesday we will be celebrating Harmony Day. This is a special time for us to think about the ways in which we ensure that everyone feels a sense of belonging to our school community. Students will be working to identify and showcase the many ways they work together in harmony. Esther will be creating a short film on the day and we look forward to sharing this with you through our Google+ Communities and at the next whole school assembly. Students are invited to wear orange as it is the colour chosen to represent Harmony Day.

GOOD HABITS FOR LIFE

Our commitment to educating the whole child is a prominent feature of recent and forthcoming activities. National Ride2School Day this Friday provides us with an opportunity to consider active travel options to and from school. The Macquarie Primary School community has been increasingly engaged in the Active Streets and Ride or Walk Safely to School programs. These are acknowledged on the ACT Government's Good Habits for Life website www.goodhabitsforlife.act.gov.au. The site provides many practical ideas to support families to build lifelong habits of eating well, moving more and getting the most out of life. It is well worth a look.

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Monday — Friday
8.30am — 3.30pm

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From our Principal Continued ...

STAFFING NEWS

We wished Kratai safe travels last Friday as she commenced 2 weeks leave. 3V will be in the very capable hands of Narelle while she is away and Jim will continue to be the Executive Teacher looking after the Year 3—6 Team.

WELLBEING AT MACQUARIE

Our commitment to educating the whole child continues to be a prominent feature of activity in and around the school. Saturday Netball has become increasingly popular amongst our students during the past five years. We are very proud to be represented in the 2018 North Canberra Netball Competition by the MacHeroes (Yr 2– 4) and the MacDiamonds (Yr 5/6) who will commence a series of grading games shortly. I thank these students for demonstrating teamwork and commitment, and our coaches and managers (Lily, Ellie, Izzy, Sheree, Anna and Arnold) for enabling this experience.

I would also like to acknowledge the 11 Year 5/6 students together with Jess and Vic for representing our school at the Matt Giteau Cup last Friday. Reports from the day reflected the player's commitment to supporting one another and demonstrating our school values on and off the field.

We would also like to wish our 22 swimmers all the very best for the Belconnen Swimming Carnival on Tuesday, 27 March and thank Andrea for her work behind the scenes in the lead up to this event.

I would also like to congratulate Lily, Paige and Lucy for their selection by audition for the ACT Instrumental Music Program's Extension Ensembles in 2018.

Looking forward to the week ahead.

Sophie Bissell
Principal



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P&C NEWS

Entertainment books for 2018/19 are now available for presale. To secure your book, please go to: <https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/245s52>

The P&C are extremely keen to run the school canteen for our children during 2018, but **WE NEED YOUR HELP!** We are open to your suggestions about how the canteen should be run and welcome your input into this activity. If you would like to be part of the canteen team for this year, or have suggestions on what kind of canteen we should provide, please send an email to canteen.mpspandc@gmail.com. Let's make this happen!

Due to other commitments, the P&C Secretary position has become vacant! If you would like to join the P&C team as our Secretary, please send an email to president.mpspandc@gmail.com.

SCHOOL SPORT ACT

School Sport ACT (SSACT) is the peak body for School Sport delivery in the ACT. SSACT actively promotes school sport for all ACT students through the support of regional, state and national representative opportunities and pathways. Each school has teacher representatives that attend meetings and run particular sports. Ross and Andrea are sharing the role this year. Throughout the year they will update the 'Sports board' which is located on a pin board in the front foyer with upcoming trials for a range of sports outside of school as well as results from sporting events.

The Year 4/5 and 6 teams have recently gone through with students about how they can access the website and register their interest for certain sport trials. To do this they must have their parents register on the website to then nominate their child. On the School Sports ACT website they have all of the sports that will be trialling this year as well as dates when the trials will occur.

For more information please contact Ross or Andrea or head to the website: <https://www.schoolsportact.asn.au/>.

NOTES HOME

EVENT DETAILS	YR GROUP	DATE DUE BACK
Camp Cooba	Yr 6	Perm & medical ASAP Payment by 23 Mar
Voluntary Contributions	All families	Action as necessary
Curriculum Resources (student stationary)	All families	Payment ASAP
Student Information & Check Sheet	All students	ASAP
Known Medical Response Plan	Identified students	ASAP
Medical Information & Consent Form	All students	ASAP

Community Notices

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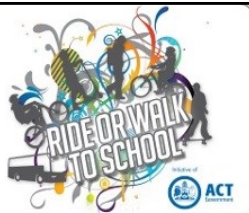


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